Refinery plant from a capacity of 31,000 to 1,00,000 tpa at a projected cost of Rs. 506.68 crores. The proposal is at the appraisal stage.

India's Position in World Tourism

1854. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India's share in world tourism is still less in comparison to other countries although it has the great potential;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government propose to make any provision for the promotion of tourism in the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) The percentage share of India in the world tourist traffic during 1995 was about 0.37. It is not commensurate with the potential that exists because of infrastructural constraints.

(c) to (e). Steps being taken to increase the share of India in the world tourism traffic includes improvement of infrastructural facilities particularly by attracting private investment, focussing of publicity and marketing efforts and development of manpower resources. The Report of the Working Group on Tourism Development for the Ninth Five Year Plan has been submitted to the Planning Commission

AIR Officials

1855. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation has conducted an enquiry against AIR officials at Silchar in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the Quilty officials;

(c) whether some officials of the AIR Station are also implicated in this enquiry and are being victimised; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Central Bureau of Investigation have recently registered a criminal case against an official of AIR, Silchar on 15th May, 1996 for allegedly taking a bribe. Since the concerned officer was detained for a period exceeding 48 hours on criminal charge, he has been placed under deemed suspension as a result of departmental action.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Welfare Schemes

1856. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of welfare schemes which are wholly or partially financed by the Union Government for the poors, aged, widows and helpless; and

(b) the number of persons benefited from these schemes during each of the last three years till date, State/Union Territory-wise?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) The following Central Schemes are meant for the poor, aged, widows and helpless persons :

1. *National Social Assistance Programme consisting of the following schemes* :
   (i) National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS)
   (ii) National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS)
   (iii) National Maternity Benefit Scheme (NMBS)

The National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) is a Centrally Sponsored Programme in the area of poverty alleviation both in the rural and urban areas, to extend 100% Central assistance to the States/Union Territories to provide benefit under it in accordance with the norms/guidelines and conditions laid down by the Central Government. The NSAP introduces a National Policy for social assistance to poor households. Benefits are provided to them in case of old age, on the death of the primary bread winner of the household and on maternity. The NSAP has came into effect from 15.8.95. This Scheme is being administered by Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment (Deptt. of Rural Development).

2. *Scheme for Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Programmes relating to Aged*.

Under this Scheme voluntary organisations are given 90% grant-in-aid (95% in tribal areas) for running Old Age Homes, Day Care Centres, Mobile Medicare Units and Non-Institutional Services for the Welfare of aged.

(b) Statement-I indicating the number of beneficiaries under the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) during 1995-96 as available is attached. Statement-II indicating the number of beneficiaries under the Scheme for Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Programmes relating to Aged for the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 is also attached.

STATEMENT - I

Number of Beneficiaries Under NSAP, 1995-96

S.No.	State/Union Territories	NOAPS Beneficiaries	NFBS Beneficiaries	NMBS Beneficiaries
1.	Andhra Pradesh	260612	20390	207427
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	NR	NR	NR
3.	Assam	NR	NR	NR
4.	Bihar	NR	398	1148
5.	Goa	447	17	NR
6.	Gujarat	NR	NR	NR
7.	Haryana	33808	NR	NR
8.	Himachal Pradesh	6519	NR	NR
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	13911	292	5057
10.	Karnataka	NR	NR	NR
11.	Kerala	38279	70	140
12.	Maharashtra	7364	80	276
13.	Madhya Pradesh	181814	NR	NR
14.	Manipur	NR	NR	NR
15.	Meghalaya	NR	NR	NR
16.	Mizoram	1330	83	1265
17.	Nagaland	NR	NR	NR
18.	Orissa	174331	18	1389
19.	Punjab	35514	579	3669
20.	Rajasthan	NR	NR	NR
21.	Sikkim	800	NR	NR
22.	Tamil Nadu	NR	NR	NR
23.	Tripura	NR	NR	NR
24.	Uttar Pradesh	764671	12651	169589
25.	West Bengal	353900	18643	170733
26.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	NR	NR	NR
27.	Chandigarh	1187	1	5
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	300	28	88
29.	Daman & Diu	86	24	24
30.	NCT Delhi	NR	NR	NR
31.	Lakshadweep	NR	NR	NR
32.	Pondicherry	NR	NR	NR
	Total	1874873	53274	560810

NR = Not received.

STATEMENT - II

Number of persons benefitted under the Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations Programme relating to Aged during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96.

Name of States/UT	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1	2	3	4
1. Andhra Pradesh	16,525	56,750	56,400
2. Assam	25	75	75
3. Bihar	50	50	150
4. Gujarat	75	75	75
5. Haryana	375	475	525
6. Himachal Pradesh	50	4,850	4,850
7. Karnataka	100	250	250
8. Kerala	-	9,775	9,750
9. Madhya Pradesh	50	325	300
10. Maharashtra	175	350	175
11. Manipur	800	1,100	825
12. Orissa	6,525	6,825	6,875
13. Punjab	100	50	100
14. Rajasthan	150	150	-
15. Tamil Nadu	16,175	35,650	30,500
16. Tripura	50	300	300
17. Uttar Pradesh	7,350	2,975	7,875
18. West Bengal	6,750	19,200	21,700
19. Delhi	4,975	9,875	9,650
20. Pondicherry	-	25	25

[English]

Central Assistance to Karnataka

1857. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government of Karnataka for seeking Rs. 200 crores of Central assistance for its sons of the soil welfare project for backward classes and minorities;

(b) if so, the details; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken to this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) No, Sir, this Ministry has not received any such proposal from Government of Karnataka.

(b) and (c). In view of above the question does not arise.

Targets Under SC/ST Welfare Schemes

1858. SHRI VISHVESHWAR BHAGAT : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the targets were fixed in achieving Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes welfare schemes in Madhya Pradesh during each of the last three years;

(b) if so, the extent of success achieved in this regard; and